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SUBJECT: PNG INDEPENDENCE: MESSAGE FOR LEADER OF US
DELEGATION

REF: PORT MORESBY 883

1. FOLLOWING IS APPROVED TEXT OF MESSAGE TO BE CARRIED BY
LEADER OF US DELEGATION TO PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS:

BEGIN TEXT

GOVERNOR GENERAL GUISE, CHIEF MINISTER SOMARE,
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

IT IS AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THE UNITED
STATES AT THE CELEBRATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S INDEPEN-
DENCE. WE JOIN THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN WELCOMING
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PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ENTRY INTO THE COMMUNITY OF INDEPENDENT

STATES. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL MAKE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO WORLD STABILITY AND PROGRESS, AND THAT IT WILL PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION.

THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO FRIENDLY AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS WITH PAPUA NEW GUINEA. THE UNITED STATES HAS TODAY, THROUGH A MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNOR GENERAL FROM PRESIDENT FORD, EXTENDED RECOGNITION TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND THE TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. OUR CONSULATE GENERAL HERE IN PORT MORESBY TODAY HAS BEEN RAISED TO AN EMBASSY, HEADED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OLMSTED.

PRESIDENT FORD HAS ASKED ME TO EXTEND HIS BEST WISHES, AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, TO YOUR NEW NATION. WE WISH YOU WELL AS YOU ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDEPENDENCE. WITH THE WEALTH OF YOUR LAND AND THE TALENTS OF YOUR PEOPLE, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PAPUA NEW GUINEA WILL PROSPER.

2. MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR-GENERAL WILL BE CABLED TO YOU AFTER LETTER HAS BEEN SIGNED BY PRESIDENT.

3. IT WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO PROVIDE TAPE-RECORDED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT. CONSUL GENERAL MAY WISH TO READ TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FOR RECORDING OR RECORD OWN MESSAGE OF GOOD WILL. INGERSOLL

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